

2002 AUG 21 A 11:26

August 20, 2002



Antoinette Kitchen
Senior Reports Analyst
Reports Analyst Division
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: SEIU Committee on Political Education
ID No. 000004036
Year End Report (7/1/01-12/31/01)

Dear Ms. Kitchen:

This is in response to your letter regarding the Service Employees International Union's Committee on Political Education (COPE) 2001 year-end report. Your letter raises a number of questions about that year-end report. The problems except as noted below appear to be caused by a computer software malfunction or deficiency. We are attempting to reach our software vendor but are having difficulty reaching him. We are continuing to try to resolve these problems.

First, a copy of the signed notarized Schedule E is attached.

As for the other issues, these are a failure of our software to communicate with your computers properly. For some reason, the total on Schedule E is not being transferred over to the summary page. In addition, our software will not allow us to indicate that candidate contributions are for a special election under the box named "other." If you have any further questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Orrin Baird
Associate General Counsel

SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL UNION
AFL-CIO, CLC

1313 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

202.898.3200

TELE: 202.898.3437

www.SEIU.org

cc: Executive Vice President Pat Ford